



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

IBM CORPORATION  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW  
11400 BURNET ROAD  
AUSTIN TX 78758

**COPY MAILED**

SEP 05 2007

In re Application of  
Jimmy Ming-Der Hsu  
Application No. 09/965,145  
Filed: September 27, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. AUS920010508US1

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
**DECISION ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed March 15, 2007, requesting revival of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time (and fee) under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fee on or before November 24, 2004, in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 24, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 13, 2004.

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply (unless previously filed), which may met by the filing of a continuing application in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, but must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof in an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof; (2) the petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) an adequate statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) in some instances, a terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)). This petition lacks item (4) above.

35 U.S.C. § 41(a)(7) authorizes the Commissioner to accept a petition "for the revival of an unintentionally abandoned application for a patent." As amended December 1, 1997, 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) provides that a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by a statement that the delay was unintentional, but provides that "[t]he Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional." Where

By fax: (571) 273-8300  
ATTN: Office of Petitions

Inquiries related to this decision may be made to the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen Creasy".

Karen Creasy  
Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions

cc:

**IBM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW  
11400 BURNET ROAD  
AUSTIN, TX 78758**